an extent of 4,000 acres of Reserved Forest. The applications for assignment were rejected by the Tahsildar on the ground that the field has not been surveyed. The question of survey of the unreserved bits of the field is now being examined by the Collector in consultation with the Forest department.''

Purchase of ink bottles

* 1814 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the concerns from which ink bottles are bought for use in Government Departments ; and

(*b*) the number of ink bottles bought in 1953 and the cost thereof.''

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' A statement [a] is placed on the table of the house.''

Fire outbreaks in Tindivanam taluk

* 1815 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of outbreaks of fire took place in Tindivanam taluk during 1953–54 ;

(*b*) whether any fire accident took place in Pathirapuliyur village, Tindivanam taluk, in 1953–54;

(*c*) if so, the extent of damage caused to property; and

(*d*) whether any relief was given to the victims of the fire accidents?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) During 1953–54 six cases of outbreaks of fire took place in Tindivanam taluk

'' (*b*) No, Sir.

'' (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.''

Maternity and Child Health Centres, Malabar

* 1816 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Maternity and Child Health Centres there are in Malabar under the Malabar District Board; and

(*b*) the total grant given by the Government for these institutions.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Fifteen, Sir.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 1220 infra.